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Docket No.: 1271-001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT OPERATIONS

In re Application of:

Giammaria Sitar

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) Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: 09/937,137

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) Examiner:

Filed: September 21, 2001

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For: METHOD FOR SEPARATION OF FETAL CELLS FROM THE MATERNAL
PERIPHERAL BLOOD

New York, NY 10036
December 4, 2001

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Washington, DC 20231

PETITION

Sir:

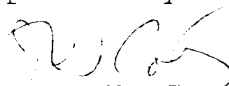
It is requested that the Notification of Missing
Requirements Under 35 U.S.C.371 in the united States
Designated/Elected Office be withdrawn.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Declaration that was
filed with the application on September 21, 2001 and a copy of
a postcard receipt showing receipt at the PTO of the
application, including the Declaration.

For these reasons, it is requested that the requirement
for the filing of a Declaration be withdrawn.

Authorization is given to charge any required fee to
Deposit Account No. 08-1540.

Respectfully submitted,


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